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### GENERAL SUMMARY

Mild weather was experienced during most of January. Although there was a cold spell at the beginning of the month and a moderate cold wave on the 29th, the average temperature was considerably above the 62-year average, thus being similar to the warm record breaking January of last year.

After the first two or three cool days at the beginning of the month, temperatures rose and remained unseasonably high till the 29th, with the exception of the cool temperatures on the 25th. High peaks of the month were reached on the 24th and 27th. Several stations established new high temperature records for those dates. On the 28th a cold wave swept southeastward over the State giving sub-zero temperatures, and the lowest for the month, on the morning of the 29th. Drops of 60 degrees in 38 hours occurred. There was a quick and decided recovery from this cold wave on the 30th causing the month to close mild.

As has been the case for several consecutive months previous, January was deficient in precipitation. The west central and central districts had a slight excess, while in the remainder of the State, the amounts were considerably less than normal. Only two general periods of precipitation occurred with no large amounts. During the first period, 4th-5th, a mixture of rain, sleet and snow fell, forming glaze in parts of the State. The second precipitation period was on the 12th-13th. This was mostly snow. The rest of the month was dry except for some light scattered precipitation on the 21st and 22d.

Snowfall also was deficient especially in the southeast district, with two stations reporting no measurable amounts. One of these, Keosauqua, has had no measurable amount of snowfall so far this winter. The central district had the greatest amount with Waukee reporting 11.5 inches.

Cloudy days were above the average. The sun was hardly seen the first half of the month. This made the percentage of possible sunshine considerably below the usual amount. High winds and dust storms occurred on the 28th and 31st. The rivers remained at extremely low stages, but with a gradual rising trend. The rivers were frozen for the most part in the northern half of the State.

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### TEMPERATURE

The average temperature for the State, obtained from the averages of nine districts of nearly equal area and based on records from 106 stations, was  $26.9^{\circ}$ , which is  $8.3^{\circ}$  above the 62-year average. The entire State was more than  $8^{\circ}$  above normal. Keokuk No. 2 averaged the highest,  $34.1^{\circ}$ , while Lake Park (near) had the lowest average,  $21.4^{\circ}$ . The highest temperature,  $67^{\circ}$  on the 24th, was recorded at Keokuk, while Forest City, Northwood and Osage reported the lowest temperature,  $-14^{\circ}$  on the 29th. This made the absolute range for the month  $81^{\circ}$ . It is unusual for the absolute high and low to occur within a two-day period. The greatest daily range was  $54^{\circ}$  which was equalled, or

### COMPARATIVE DATA FOR JANUARY

YEAR	Temperature			Precipitation			Number of days						
	Average	Departure	Highest	Lowest	Average	Departure	Greatest monthly	Least monthly	Average snowfall	Precep. 0.1 in. or more	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy
1873	12.0	+ 6.6	55	-38	2.53	+ 1.46	3.56	0.50					
1874	19.6	+ 1.0	64	-24	1.67	+ 0.60	4.72	0.22					
1875	4.9	-13.7	48	-30	0.82	-0.25	1.61	0.38					
1876	23.5	+ 4.9	62	-16	1.49	+ 0.42	3.96	0.00					
1877	13.7	- 4.5	58	-31	1.09	+ 0.02	3.04	0.37					
1878	25.4	+ 6.8	55	-13	0.48	-0.59	5.00	0.00					
1879	16.1	- 2.5	54	-30	0.48	-0.59	1.48	0.00					
1880	32.0	+13.4	68	-6	1.36	+ 0.29	4.52	0.20					
1881	9.6	- 9.0	48	-40	0.94	-0.13	3.10	0.04					
1882	23.4	+ 4.8	60	-17	0.65	-0.42	1.80	0.09					
1883	8.0	-10.6	46	-38	1.31	+ 0.16	2.85	0.35					
1884	13.3	- 5.3	52	-38	0.52	-0.55	1.50	0.02					
1885	9.4	- 9.2	51	-42	1.28	+ 0.21	3.72	0.18					
1886	8.1	-10.6	52	-33	2.59	+ 1.52	4.85	0.68					
1887	8.8	- 9.8	55	-34	1.13	+ 0.06	2.92	0.04					
1888	5.4	-13.2	53	-43	1.30	+ 0.23	4.00	0.40					
1889	21.6	+ 3.0	62	-25	1.22	+ 0.15	2.30	0.50					
1890	18.0	- 0.6	62	-27	1.79	+ 0.72	3.46	0.33					
1891	26.0	+ 7.4	58	-4	1.75	+ 0.68	3.99	0.61	4	13	7	11	
1892	15.3	- 3.3	76	-38	1.09	+ 0.02	3.13	0.10	8.9	5	16	6	
1893	9.3	- 9.3	54	-34	0.74	-0.33	3.20	0.13	8.9	6	11	9	
1894	19.3	+ 0.7	69	-37	1.09	+ 0.02	2.24	0.31	8.0	5	14	9	
1895	13.6	- 5.6	68	-31	0.85	-0.22	2.65	0.09	8.7	4	15	9	
1896	23.4	+ 4.8	68	-20	0.48	-0.59	2.10	T.	2.8	3	10	10	
1897	17.2	- 1.4	66	-30	2.01	+ 0.94	6.16	0.15	8.2	7	12	7	
1898	23.4	+ 4.8	52	-11	1.60	+ 0.53	5.32	T.	12.6	5	15	6	
1899	19.8	+ 1.2	68	-34	0.28	-0.79	1.15	T.	1.5	3	15	10	
1900	25.6	+ 7.0	68	-20	0.53	-0.54	2.47	T.	2.3	3	16	7	
1901	23.7	+ 5.1	60	-21	0.74	-0.33	2.34	0.04	6.2	4	14	9	
1902	22.4	+ 3.8	63	-31	0.88	-0.19	2.83	0.19	9.4	4	17	8	
1903	23.0	+ 4.4	68	-12	0.28	-0.79	1.46	T.	2.0	4	13	7	
1904	14.0	- 6.5	57	-32	1.18	+ 0.11	3.68	0.02	6.1	6	12	8	
1905	11.2	- 7.4	56	-30	0.91	-0.16	1.82	0.12	11.1	7	14	7	
1906	24.6	+ 6.0	69	-19	1.52	+ 0.45	4.71	0.28	11.3	5	14	6	
1907	18.8	- 0.2	68	-22	1.52	+ 0.45	5.30	0.10	6.0	7	16	7	
1908	24.9	+ 6.3	60	-18	0.44	-0.63	1.50	0.06	4.8	2	17	8	
1909	21.2	+ 2.6	72	-25	1.66	+ 0.59	3.74	0.41	7.8	6	9	16	
1910	18.1	- 0.5	56	-35	1.57	+ 0.50	3.15	0.55	12.6	6	13	7	
1911	20.2	+ 1.6	68	-25	0.97	-0.10	3.73	0.11	7.3	5	9	14	
1912	4.2	-14.4	49	-47	0.53	-0.54	1.90	T.	5.5	5	14	7	
1913	20.9	+ 2.3	62	-25	0.77	-0.30	2.05	0.04	7.2	5	14	9	
1914	27.3	+ 9.2	64	-10	0.88	-0.19	2.34	0.27	5.1	5	11	8	
1915	17.5	- 1.1	59	-32	1.63	+ 0.56	3.15	0.10	7.3	8	13	8	
1916	17.8	- 0.8	53	-34	2.62	+ 1.55	6.07	0.85	7.2	10	12	6	
1917	17.0	- 1.6	60	-28	0.83	-0.24	2.07	0.17	7.2	4	17	8	
1918	8.8	-10.0	53	-35	1.02	-0.05	2.79	0.26	11.2	7	13	8	
1919	26.8	+ 8.2	64	-32	0.24	-0.83	0.86	T.	2.8	2	20	5	
1920	16.7	- 1.9	56	-26	0.42	-0.65	1.05	T.	4.6	4	12	8	
1921	28.4	+ 9.8	67	-9	0.51	-0.56	1.92	0.10	4.1	4	11	7	
1922	19.8	- 1.2	57	-29	0.89	-0.18	2.30	0.32	5.3	4	17	6	
1923	26.7	+ 8.1	58	-10	0.85	-0.22	2.34	T.	6.5	6	10	7	
1924	13.9	- 4.7	59	-36	0.89	-0.18	2.47	0.06	5.5	5	17	7	
1925	19.4	+ 0.8	55	-24	0.40	-0.67	1.23	0.05	4.2	3	17	7	
1926	22.7	- 4.1	58	-22	1.09	+ 0.02	2.68	0.31	5.0	7	11	8	
1927	21.7	+ 3.1	59	-27	0.29	-0.78	1.10	T.	3.0	4	14	8	
1928	25.2	+ 6.6	70	-20	0.17	-0.90	1.04	T.	0.9	3	15	8	
1929	10.2	- 8.4	47	-29	2.06	+ 0.99	4.10	0.40	17.5	9	11	6	
1930	10.5	- 8.1	58	-37	1.33	+ 0.26	2.51	0.51	14.7	8	14	8	
1931	28.9	+10.3	64	-15	0.50	-0.57	0.97	T.	5.1	2	18	8	
1932	22.5	- 8.9	61	-22	1.81	+ 0.74	3.40	0.42	13.6	8	9	8	
1933	32.5	+13.9	62	-10	0.95	-0.12	2.43	0.18	1.4	5	13	8	
1934	26.9	+ 8.3	67	-14	0.83	-0.24	2.15	0.19	4.4	5	10	7	
Period	18.6	76	-47	1.07			6.16	0.00	6.7	5	13	8	10

T. indicates an amount too small to measure, or less than .005 inch rainfall and less than .05 inch snowfall.

nearly so, by many stations. There was an average of 12 days with maximum readings of  $32^{\circ}$  or below, 29 days with minimum temperatures of  $32^{\circ}$  or below, and 3 days with minimum readings of zero or below.

### PRECIPITATION

The average total State precipitation, derived from the averages of nine districts of nearly equal area and based on reports from 121 stations, was 0.83 inch, or 0.24 inch below 62-year average. The central district averaged the greatest, 1.34 inches, while the northwest district had the least, 0.61 inch. The southern third of the State had the greatest deficiency while the central portions had a slight excess. The station recording the greatest total amount was Iowa Falls, and the least total, 0.19 inch, fell at Olin. The greatest amount occurring in any 24-hour











period was 1.00 inch at Keosauqua. The average number of days with 0.01 inch or more was 5, which is just average.

#### SNOWFALL

The average snowfall, 4.4 inches, was 2.3 inches below the 43-year average. The heaviest amounts occurred in the central district where the average was 8.2 inches. The light snowfall in the southeast district averaged only 1.3 inches. The greatest station total, 11.5 inches, fell at Waukee, while no snowfall was reported at Stockport.

#### ERRATA

Report for February, 1933. Page 10, Spencer, departure from normal precipitation published —0.49 should be —0.41.

Annual summary. Page 102, Spencer departure from normal February precipitation published —0.49 should be —0.41.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA

*Coronas*, lunar: 9th, 24th, 30th.

*Dust storm*: 28th, 31st.

*Fog*, light: 2d, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 24th.

*Fog*, dense: 2d, 4th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 21st.

*Glaze*: 3d, 4th.

*Halo*, solar: 6th, 15th, 24th, 27th.

*Halo*, lunar: 23d, 26th, 27th, 29th.

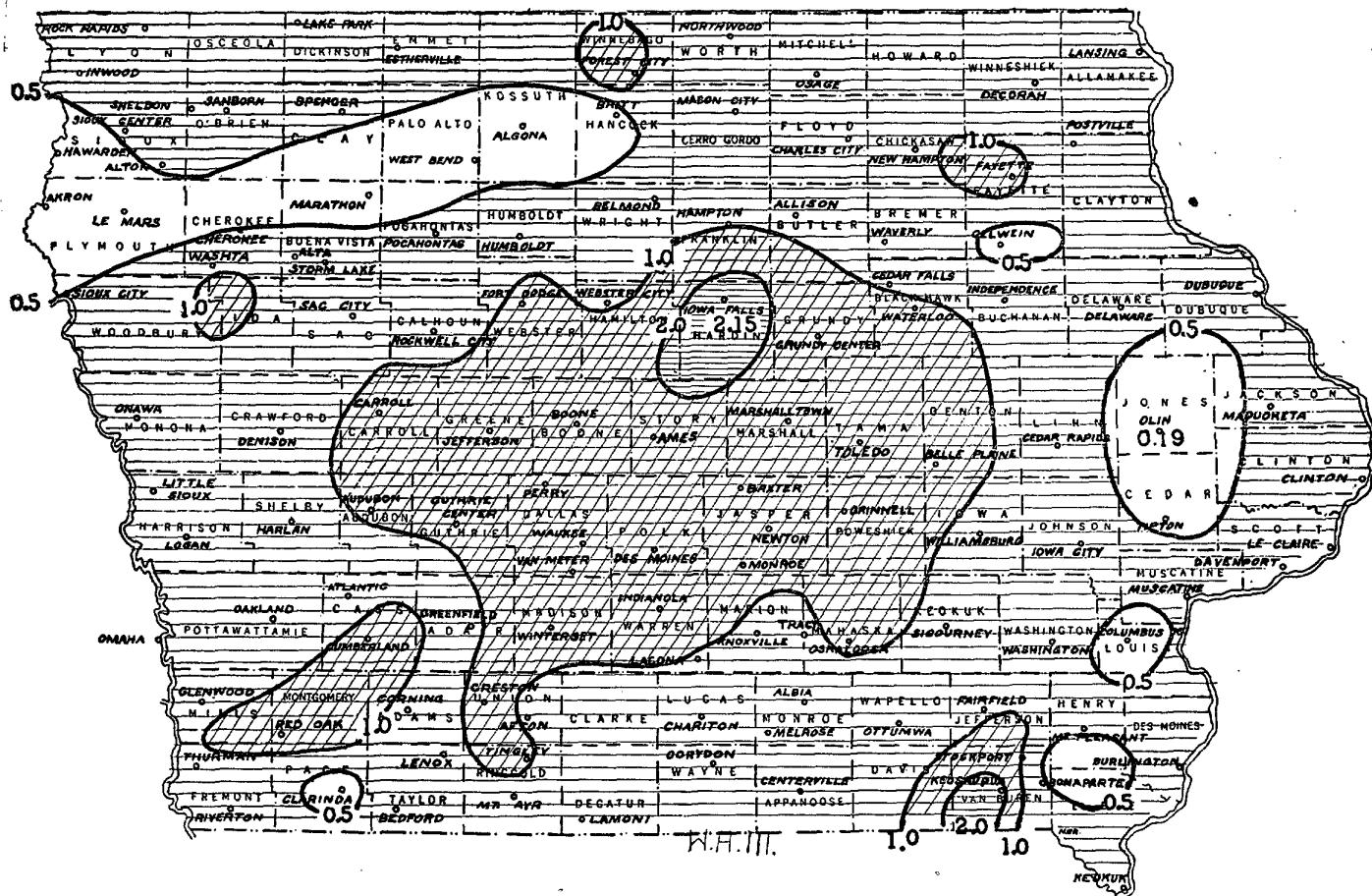
*High winds*: 28th, 29th, 31st.

*Parhelion*: 8th, 14th, 17th, 18th.

*Rainbow*: 30th.

*Sleet*: 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th, 12th, 21st, 23d, 31st.

## TOTAL PRECIPITATION, JANUARY, 1934



SCALE OF SHADES IN INCHES



Less than 0.5



0.5 to 1.0



1.0 to 2.0



More than 2.0